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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

1. THE PRESIDENT IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA AT THE END OF MARCH INTO EARLY APRIL. WE ARE PREPARING THE SCHEDULE AND, SUBJECT TO THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS, WE WOULD LIKE TO PLAN FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CARACAS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, DEPARTING MARCH 29. WE WILL CABLE THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT LATER.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING WITH THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURE THESE DATES ARE CONVENIENT AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN CARACAS. THE VISIT WOULD BEGIN TUESDAY, MARCH 28, PRIOR TO A LATE MORNING DEPARTURE FOR BRASILIA ON MARCH 29.

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3. AFTER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE, NSC AND STATE DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS PROPOSED FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28:

8:00 AM - DEPART ANDREWS AFB
1:15 PM - ARRIVE SIMON BOLIVAR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
1:55 PM - ARRIVAL CEREMONY ENDS
2:00 PM - MOTORCADE DEPARTS AIRPORT TO MIRAFLORES PALACE
2:30 PM - ARRIVE MIRAFLORES PALACE
2:45 PM - BEGIN BILATERAL
3:45 PM - BILATERAL ENDS; PRIVATE TIME FOR PRESIDENT
CARTER
4:05 PM - MOTORCADE DEPARTS TO CONGRESS
4:15 PM - MOTORCADE ARRIVES CONGRESS
4:30 PM - SPEECH TO CONGRESS
4:50 PM - REMARKS CONCLUDE
5:00 PM - MOTORCADE DEPARTS CONGRESS
5:20 PM - MOTORCADE ARRIVES LA CASONA; PRIVATE TIME FOR
PRESIDENT CARTER
7:10 PM - PROCEED TO DINNER
7:15 PM - GREET GUESTS
7:30 PM - DINNER BEGINS
9:00 PM - DINNER CONCLUDES
9:05 PM - COFFEE
9:30 PM - ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS
10:00 PM - ENTERTAINMENT ENDS; PRESIDENT CARTER MEETS
ADDITIONAL GUESTS
10:30 PM - PRESIDENT CARTER RETIRES FOR NIGHT AND GUESTS
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29:

7:55 AM - DEPART LA CASONA
8:15 AM - ARRIVE BOLIVAR TOMB
8:45 AM - DEPART TOMB TO MIRAFLORES PALACE
8:55 AM - ARRIVE MIRAFLORES PALACE
9:00 AM - BILATERAL BEGINS
10:00 AM - BILATERAL ENDS
10:05 AM - DEPART TO AIRPORT
10:35 AM - ARRIVE AIRPORT
10:50 AM - PRESIDENT CARTER BOARDS AIR FORCE ONE
10:55 AM - AIR FORCE ONE DEPARTS CARACAS

4. A DRAFT PROGRAM FOR MRS. CARTER WILL BE SUBMITTED
SEPARATELY.

5. IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BE VERIFIED WITH THE HOST
GOVERNMENT FROM OUR PREVIOUS SCHEDULE ARE TWO ONE-HOUR
BILATERALS HELD AT MIRAFLORES AND THE VISIT TO BOLIVAR'S
TOMB ON DAY OF DEPARTURE INSTEAD OF ARRIVAL. ALSO, PLEASE
VERIFY THESE DRIVING TIMES: AIRPORT TO MIRAFLORES,
MIRAFLORES TO CONGRESS, CONGRESS TO LA CASONA, LA CASONA

TO BOLIVAR TOMB, BOLIVAR TOMB TO MIRAFLORES, MIRAFLORES

TO AIRPORT. PLEASE ALSO VERIFY THAT CONGRESS WILL BE IN SESSION DURING THIS TIME.

6. PRE-ADVANCE: (1) WE HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED A DEFINITE DATE FOR THE PRE-ADVANCE BUT EXPECT TO DEPART ANDREWS AFB FOR CARACAS MARCH 12 OR 13. (2) IN ADDITION TO PRE-ADVANCE PARTY WHICH WILL GO ON TO OTHER STOPS, WE PLAN TO BRING LEAD ADVANCE PERSONNEL (5-8 PERSONS) WHO WILL DROP OFF IN CARACAS AND WORK THROUGH THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. (3) REQUEST THAT BOTH PHOTOGRAPHS AND DIAGRAMS OF ALL SITES BE READY FOR USE BY PRE-ADVANCE TEAM. DIAGRAMS MAY BE SKETCHES AND SHOULD SHOW THE DETAILS OF SECRET

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THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED MOVEMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, AIRPORT ARRIVAL SKETCH WOULD SHOW POSITIONS OF AIRCRAFT, GREETING PARTY, POSITION FOR REMARKS, MOTORCADE FOR DEPARTURE, ETC.

7. ACCOMMODATIONS: THE FOLLOWING ARE PROJECTIONS OF OUR ROOM NEEDS BASED ON OUR JUST COMPLETED FOREIGN TRIP.

(A) PRE-ADVANCE: THE VISIT OF THE PRE-ADVANCE WILL REQUIRE A TOTAL OF ABOUT 68 ROOMS, 50 ROOMS FOR PRE-ADVANCE AND LEAD ADVANCE PERSONS, AND 18 ROOMS FOR AIR FORCE CREW. THE CREW HAS REQUESTED THE MACUTO SHERATON, NEAR THE AIRPORT. THE REST OF THE PRE-ADVANCE WOULD LIKE TO BE TOGETHER IN ONE HOTEL IN CARACAS, IF POSSIBLE, SAME AS MAIN HOTEL TO BE USED FOR VISIT.

(B) ADVANCE: ARRIVALS OF ADVANCE PERSONNEL WILL BE STAGGERED OVER THE 10-14 DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. ANTICIPATE ROUGHLY 100 ROOMS FOR ADVANCE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL AND PRESS ADVANCE, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, FIRST LADY'S ADVANCE, WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS, AIR FORCE ADVANCE, STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY, STATE SECRETARIAT ADVANCE, STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ADVANCE. DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

(C) ACTUAL VISIT: (1) ANTICIPATE NEED FOR TOTAL OF 70 ROOMS FOR TRAVELING PARTY ON AIR FORCE ONE AND BACKUP PLANES AND TOTAL OF 36 ROOMS FOR CREWS OF THESE AIRCRAFT. (2) FOR PRESS, PRESS STAFF AND AIRPLANE CREWS OF TWO PRESS CHARTER AIRCRAFT, REQUIRE TOTAL OF 250 ROOMS.

(D) TOTAL ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT OF 450 ROOMS FOR NIGHT OF 28TH.

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(E) YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NETWORK PERSONNEL MAKING PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS AND ARRIVING SEPARATELY WILL NEED UP TO 50 ROOMS AND MAY REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

(F) WE FEEL THAT DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. BRZEZINSKI TO OVERNIGHT AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN LA CASONA. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

(G) WE WOULD MUCH PREFER FOR THE PRESS TO BE HOUSED IN DOWNTOWN CARACAS AS OPPOSED TO THE COAST, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

8. WILL THE WEEK OF MARCH 20-26 BE A DIFFICULT TIME TO ACCOMPLISH ASSIGNMENTS DUE TO RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS? WILL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES BE OPEN?

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